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SUBJECT: WERTHEIM TEA PROPOSAL

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1. THE SHORT TERM LOANS REFERRED TO, CONSTITUTE CONTRIBUTION BY WERTHEIM FOR TOTAL INPUT OF DOLS 200,000.

2. ALTHOUGH THE NEW PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROCESSING PLANT IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE PROJECT, WERTHEIM STILL WISHES ASSURANCE THAT 200 HECTARES SUITABLE FOR TEA PLANTING IN EACH OF THE TWO SWAMP AREAS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS THEY ARE REQUIRED. WERTHEIM DOES NOT WISH THIS LAND SET ASIDE AS A CONCESSION FOR HIM, BUT IT WOULD BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TEA ORGANIZATION TO BE SET UP. THE NATURE OF THE TEA ORGANIZATION AND THE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT DURING WERTHEIM'S VISIT BASED ON TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF INVESTMENT.

3. OTHER SOURCES FINANCING NOT READILY APPARENT AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED GOR SHOULD: (A) RESPOND POSITIVELY TO WERTHEIM PROPOSAL; (B) INDICATE LEVEL GOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION; (C) WORK WITH WERTHEIM, IFC AND FED TO PLAN PROJECT AND IDENTIFY MORE PRECISELY THE ADDITIONAL FINANCING REQUIRED AND PROPOSED TERMS FOR PARTICIPATION. IT WOULD THEN BE EASIER TO INTEREST OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS INCLUDING AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.

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